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I have a problem with undocumented file format API's. I work in a mixed platform environment of PC's Unix Boxes, X-terms, Macintoshes. The need to share documents between the platforms relies on translation software and compatible office productivity software. Changes to Microsoft Applications Document structure which are not documented greatly slow the ability to share work outside of a Microsoft world. The pushes the single platform Microsoft box solution due to administrative decisions, instead of the better task-matching diverse systems supported by research.

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